



CSU-AAUP Political Committee 2018 Questionnaire

Instructions: The questionnaire is divided into topics of importance to our membership; please answer to the best of your ability. If you don't have an answer right now, say that. Be brief, but provide evidence for your answers including recent votes or public statements. Yes or No, vague, off-topic and broad answers will be given little weight. Answers may be returned to Dr. Thomas Burkholder, Chair CSU-AAUP Political Committee via email to trburkholder@gmail.com by June 15, 2018.

Please include 2018 Questionnaire in the subject line.

Endorsements: the committee will meet, discuss and endorse based on a number of factors including this questionnaire and public statements. If you are an incumbent, previous votes will be taken into consideration.

Demonstrated support for public higher education:

Did you vote for or would you have voted for the 2017 Republican budget in September 2017? Why did/would you support or oppose that budget?

What do you see as the biggest drivers of tuition increases at the state colleges and universities?

Do you think access to public higher education is a right?

What do you see as public higher education's role in the state's economic growth?

Demonstrated support for state employee collective bargaining:

Do you support right-to-work legislation and other similar bills that seek to reduce the ability of state employees to collectively bargain? Please explain why you do or do not support such legislation.

Do you support re-opening or changing the 2017 SEBAC agreement that expires in 2027? Please explain your answer.

Are you interested in serving on the Labor and Public Employees Committee (if applicable)?

Demonstrated support for students:

Do you support measures to increase access to higher education including free-tuition plans such as proposed in the 2018 session? Do those plans go far enough or too far? What would you do to increase access and affordability to Connecticut's public colleges and universities?

Do you support expanding access to financial aid for undocumented students?

Vision for public higher education in Connecticut.

What do you think is working well in the current CSCU system?

What do you think should change in the current CSCU system?

What other state models of public higher education do you see as successful?

Are you interested in serving on the Higher Education Committee (if applicable)?

Investment in public higher education:

What would you do to stabilize and generate additional revenue in the state?

What is the best way to deal with unfunded Tier 1 pensions?

How would you describe the current state budget?